GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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LIFTING OF BAN ON SHAHTOOSH
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether shahtoosh is highly protected animal by India, China and Nepal and trade of shahtoosh is banned since 1979;

(b) whether there is proposal to lift the ban of shahtoosh weaving; and

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefore?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL (YATNAL)

(a) Shahtoosh is superfine wool obtained from the underbelly fur of Tibetan Antelope commonly known as Chiru. The Chiru is listed in the Schedule I of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and trade in shahtoosh is prohibited in India.

(b) & (c) There is no proposal to lift the ban on trading in shahtoosh.